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SUBJ: ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE,  
GA ITEM 105

1. ECOSOC APPROVED BY CONSENSUS REVISED DRAFT RES E/L.1574/  
REV.1. CHANGES ACCEPTED IN FINAL TEXT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. PREAMBULAR PARA 4 NOW READS "ALSO NOTING WITH APPRECIATION  
THE VIEWS OF THE SYG OF UNCTAD EXPRESSED ON 20 NOV," ETC.

B. THE WORDS "PRODUCTION AND" ARE INSERTED AFTER THE PHRASE  
"TO INSURE ADEQUATE FOOD" IN SECOND LINE OF SEVENTH  
PREAMBULAR PARA.

C. PHRASE "AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION" ADDED  
AT END OF FIRST PREAMBULAR PARA OF RES RECOMMENDED FOR GA.

D. OP PARA 1 IN GA RES NOW READS "DECIDES TO CONVENE A  
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN FOR  
ABOUT 2 WEEKS IN NOV, 1974 AT ROME."

2. THIRTY-FOUR DELS BECAME COSPONSORS BEFORE ADOPTION OF  
RES BY CONSENSUS VOTE. FINAL LIST OF COSPONSORS INCLUDES  
AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, ITALY, NEW ZEALAND, USA,  
DENMARK, PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, UK, FRG, BELGIUM, INDIA,  
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JAPAN, YUGOSLAVIA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, KENYA, LEBANON,

LIBYA, GUINEA, UGANDA, NIGER, YEMEN, INDONESIA, ALGERIA, SUDAN, PAKISTAN, SWEDEN, ZAIRE, GHANA, MALI, PERU, AND TURKEY.

3. ITALIAN DEL OPENED DISCUSSION WITH FORMAL OFFER OF ROME AS CONFERENCE SITE. OFFER WAS ACCEPTED BY NON-ALIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED CONSENSUS, DESPITE PREVIOUS INDICATIONS THEY WOULD PREFER SITE IN U.S. SITE FOR PREPCOM SESSIONS REMAINS OPEN QUESTION.

4. ISSUE OF PREPCOM SIZE WAS RESOLVED BY AGREEMENT THAT IT SHOULD BE OPEN TO "ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UN," THUS EXCLUDING PARTICIPATION SWITZERLAND AND OTHER STATES MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES BUT NOT UN. USUN HOPES THIS HEADS OFF POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES ON QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION GUINEA BISSAU. NUMBER OF DELS AFFIRMED DESIRABILITY PARTICIPATION ALL COUNTRIES.

5. THE ISSUE OF TRADE AS A SUBJECT IN THE CONFERENCE RECEIVED MENTION IN THE CONFERENCE REPORT, BUT ONLY AS ONE AMONG A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS. FRENCH REPEATED WORD FOR WORD THEIR DISCLAIMER ON THE SUBJECT GIVEN IN ROME, ALTHOUGH THIS TIME NOT FORMALLY PRESENTING IT AS AN "OBSERVATION," AND STATEMENT WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT BY OTHER DELS. BRAZILIAN ALSO ADDED THAT ACTIVITY IN WFC SHOULD NOT PREJUDGE OR INTERFERE WITH NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE IN OTHER FORUMS.

6. SOVIET DEL SAID USSR WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPCOM. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT SCHEDULE FOR WFC TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER, 1974 WAS TOO TIGHT AND THAT CONFERENCE BETTER SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME IN 1975, (ALTHOUGH SOVIETS ENTERED NO DISCLAIMER TO FINAL RESOLUTION TEXT, WHICH SPECIFIES NOVEMBER, 1974). FINAL POINT MADE BY SOVIETS WAS THAT WFC WOULD NECESSARILY INVOLVE SOCIAL QUESTIONS, AMONG THESE LAND REFORM.

7. FINAL CONSIDERATION BY SECOND COMITE SLATED FOR DEC. 12 AND GA PLENARY DEC. 17. APPROVAL EXPECTED TO BE PRO FORMA.

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8. AMONG HIGHLIGHTS OF DEBATE IT SEEMED ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT THAT INDIA THANKED THE US FOR MANNER IN WHICH IT CARRIED FORTH NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO CONSENSUS AGREEMENT ON FINAL TEXT. HE SAID THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS INDICATION OF THE GOOD DIPLOMATIC TREND ESPECIALLY IN SECOND COMMITTEE OF 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT HAS INCLUDED IMPORTANT CONSENSUS AGREEMENTS NOT ONLY ON THIS ITEM BUT ALSO ON

QUESTIONS OF TRADE AND MONETARY REFORM.

9. ALGERIA - IN ANNOUNCING DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR,  
ALGERIAN REP SPECIFICALLY THANKED THE UNITED STATES ON  
BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED FOR THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION  
AND COMPROMISE IN WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE CARRIED  
FORTH.  
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